

91.137 CONSIDERATIONS CHECKLIST (8300)

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- ☐ The extent of the air attack operation.
- ☐ The proximity of the fire to populated or high air traffic density area.
- ☐ The amount of news media interest generated by the situation.
- ☐ The length of time the air traffic congestion is likely to last.

Part 91.137 should be requested if:

- ☐ It appears likely that a large air attack operation will be used for a substantial period of time; or
- ☐ An unusually high traffic risk will be caused by itinerant aircraft for a short period of time.
- ☐ Again, safety comes first. Request temporary air traffic restriction whenever non-air attack aircraft are likely to cause an unsafe air traffic situation in a fire area.
- ☐ The request for a temporary flight restriction may be made either:
 - ☐ Through the region/unit ECC who will, in turn, place the request with the appropriate ATS facility.

If ECC unable, then

- ☐ Direct from the responsible air attack aircraft to the FAA Air Traffic Service (ATS) facility for that area

Whichever method is used, the air attack will need to supply the following information to ATS:

- ☐ The geographic area of the air operation and extent of area to be restricted.
- ☐ The altitude ceiling (MSL) of the airspace to be restricted.

- ❑ The types and aircraft identification of the agency controlling aircraft (air attack supervisors); and
- ❑ The radio identifier and frequency(ies) for contact of the air attack supervisors.
- ❑ Notify the ECC even if the request is made directly to the FAA ATS facility.

If traffic congestion is a problem at an airport due to the fire operation (reload base, etc.), the FAA may help us in two ways:

- ❑ By including a request for pilots to avoid use of the airport in the Notice to Airmen (NOTAM), and
- ❑ By providing a temporary air traffic control service at non-tower airports for the duration of the air attack operation causing the congestion.
- ❑ The request for the pilot avoidance can be made the same way as the Part 91.137 requests. The request for temporary Air Traffic Control (ATC) should be made through the nearest flight service district office.

The air traffic service facility to request issuance of a Part 91.137 or airport avoidance NOTAM will normally be:

- ❑ The nearest flight service station, or
- ❑ The nearest Air Route Traffic Control (ARTC) Center in case of operations near controlled airspace.

REMEMBER: Cancel the Part 91.137 restriction request when it is no longer needed.